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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b) IS MOOT

Sir:

The Decision is rendered moot by the submission of the fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above identified U.S. Patent Application.

If there are any fees due in connection with this communication, including any fees required for an extension of time, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 to Novartis Corporation.

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